orders u/s 226(3) to direct the third parties to pay up amounts due from them to the defaulters, issue of recovery certificates which enable the Tax Recevoery Officers to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets. Since a large part of arrear demand is locked up in appeals and settlement/waiver petitions, appellate authorities are requested to dspose of appeals expeditiously in the case involving high demands and steps are taken to dispose of the settlement/waiver petitions also promptly. In suitable cases assessees are allowed to pay taxes in instalments. Administratively action plan targets have been fixed for reduction of arrears and the progress is being monitored by senior officers of the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above.

(c) The amount involved in the 3712 cases referred to at (a) above was Rs. 2502.41 crores. Out of this, demand of Rs. 1766.97 crores was disputed in appeals or recovery thereof had been stayed by courts and other authorities. The total amount collected/reduced till 31st December, 1988 is Rs. 678.39 crores.

External Assistance for Projects in Assam

2417. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government had sought any external aid for implementing development programmes in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects under implementation in Assam with external aid; and

(c) whether any project was started in Assam with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The details of projects in Assam for which external assistance has been committed during the last three years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Date of agreement	Donor agency	Amount US $ million	Remarks
1	Third National Agriculture Extension project (NAEP-III)	29-6-1987	International Development Association	85.00	This is a multi-State project. The participating States are Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam.
2	Third National Seeds Project.	22-12-1988	Do.	150.00	A multi-State project with the participation of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Export of Granite Slabs

2418. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which Granite Slabs or Tiles are exported; and

(b) the value/quantity of Granite Slabs exported to various countries, countrywise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Granite Slabs and Tiles are mainly